REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended by the present amendment. The amendments are fully supported by the application as originally filed (see, e.g., specification at page 5, lines 13-20; page 8, lines 14-16; and page 8, last paragraph to page 9, first paragraph).

Applicants' claimed invention is directed to an authorization method and system for storing and retrieving data, in which **direct access** to a resource system is provided without extracting data and generalizing the data via an Internet-based server.

As amended, claims 1 and 8 recite an authorization method and an authorization system for storing and retrieving data in which a user is allowed to store and retrieve data from a resource system "after the user's data transmitted from the terminal is determined to be matched with one of the user's data in the database" and "authorization is granted" (see, e.g., claim 1).

Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-15 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,823,373 to Pancha et al. ("Pancha") in view of U.S. Patent 6,070,243 to See et al. ("See"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The proposed combination of Pancha in view of See does not teach or suggest an authorization method of system for storing and retrieving data in which a user at a terminal device is allowed to store and retrieve data from a resource system after the user's data is matched with data stored in a database, and authorization is granted, i.e., a system and method that provides **direct access** to the resource system.

In the "Response to Arguments" section of the Office Action of 11/09/2005, it was indicated that the above language, although described in the specification, was not clearly recited in the claims (see Office Action at page 7).
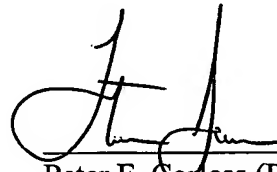
Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to recite an authorization method and an authorization system for storing and retrieving data in which a user is allowed to store and retrieve data from a resource system "after the user's data transmitted from the terminal is determined to be matched with one of the user's data in the database" and "authorization is granted" (see, e.g., claim 1).

Applicants' arguments in the Amendment filed on September 1, 2005 are incorporated by reference herein.

For at least the reasons discussed above, and provided in the Amendment filed on September 1, 2005, the proposed combination of Pancha in view of See does not teach or suggest the Applicants' claimed invention.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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